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30 Years with BART 'Has Been Great'

"BART has done well by me," says Marilyn McAllister, who recently celebrated her 30-year anniversary as a BART employee. She joined BART in 1968 as a junior accountant just after earning her accounting degree at San Francisco State University. After 25 years in the accounting department, Marilyn became a cost engineer in Transit Systems Development. Two years ago, she joined the Capital Control and Development group as a senior financial analyst.

"I'm Number Five on the seniority list," she boasts. "I think I'll stay here until I reach Number One, then I might retire."

"I made a good choice coming to work at BART," she states. "It's a good fit for my personality since I like long-term commitments." Her 30-year tenure still exceeds two other life commitments – 26 years to her husband, and 24 years in the same house in Concord. "I'm just three miles from the Concord BART Station, so it's an easy commute," she says.

Now, Marilyn is looking forward to her daughter, Nicole, graduating from Oregon State University with – you guessed it – an accounting degree. But Nicole will be headed to Europe for a few years to play professional women's basketball. "She tried out for the Sacramento Monarchs, but they didn't take her, so it's off to Europe," Marilyn says. "She may get into the WNBA later on and eventually will go into accounting."

BART Places First in the APTA International Rodeo

BART once again "brought home the Gold" as the BART Maintainers Team of David Mohn, F. James Riddle, Jr. and Edward "Ted" Christian took First Place at the American Public Transit Association's International Rail Rodeo competition held June 6 in San Diego. The threesome repeated their victory from last year, when they earned First Place honors in Washington, D.C. This also marks the third time that a BART Maintainers Team has come in first, with our team having won the event in 1994 in Sacramento.

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A victory toast to Rodeo winners and their families (left to right): Edward "Ted" Christian, David Mohn and James Riddle, Jr.

25 Years with BART: Many BART employees were lauded recently for reaching 25 years with the District. Congratulations to (kneeling, left to right): Dennis Kozlowski, Gary Gee, Arthur M. Clark III, John R. Reinig, Clinton Hester, Stanley Jiggetts, Hector Duarte, Lonnie Payton, Victor Banucci, Allan Hom, Phillip Lum and Earnest Suggs; along with (standing, left to right): Lewis Williams, Doris Stanley, Richard LaMar, Sylvia Dokes, Benjamin Feary, Wanda McPherson, Donald R. Wells, Annette Young-Taw, Robert Bridges, Judi E. Turner, William E. Farr, James R. Jackson, Lonnie Ingram, Yvonne Clark-Smith, James E. McHenry, Catherine Griffin, Charles H. Cheeks, Jr., Donald C. Howard, Michael W. Docherty, Catherine Pratt, Bob James, Sue Van Norsdall, James Alfred, Lynn Fischer, Kenneth Meyer, Marcia McBrayer and Sherwood Wakeman.

BART Celebrates 25 Years of Service

Richard Nixon was President, Apollo 16 landed on the moon, and Mark Spitz had won seven Olympic Gold medals. The date? September 11, 1972, BART's first day of revenue service when the first train rolled out of Fremont headed toward the MacArthur BART Station.

BART employees saluted the District's first 25 years at a commemorative event held April 17 that recognized 172 employees who were working at BART on the first day of revenue service and are still with the District.

In remarks, former San Francisco Mayor George Christopher recalled what life was like in the "early days" and what the BART rail system meant to the Bay Area's progress in public transit. BART General Manager Tom Margro unveiled five new historical displays that are now showing at video kiosks at BART stations. They will rotate among all the BART stations and remain on display through the year.

But it wasn't all formalities. Employees had a chance to test their BART trivia knowledge by completing the "Do You Know Your BART?" crossword puzzle. Those who got everything right had a chance to win the Grand Prize, dinner for two on the Hornblower Yacht, along with tickets to "Showboat," Concord Pavilion jazz festival, Marine World, Waterworld USA, and several 25th Anniversary commemorative paperweights. The Grand Prize winner was Dennis Scanlan.

Others who got all the questions right in the puzzle include: Arcelia Damen, Vivian Woo, Debra Johnson, Nora Yee, Rachel Lockett, Brenda Marshall, Patrick Tanjoco, Chris Igo, Shirley Schmeyer, Janet Strange, Chuck Louda, Raymond Ong, Grace Pasol, Phillis Pinkston, John Bolcik, Carin Shoemaker, Allen Young, Raymond Thomas, Sylvester Jones, Deborah Fitzgerald, Lynn Fischer, Mark Deloso, Debora Faniel, Ward Belding, Fred Irvin, Starla Anderson, Jessica Phrogus, Mary Contreras, Aaron Weinstein, Gregory Wong, James Pederson, Bill Davidson, Kevin Sanderson, Nita Orr, Pat Patubo, Lisa Moland, Gloria Cahiles, Marcus Mah, Linda Spragens, Wayne Rebiejo, Robert Douglas and Manual Alvarez.

Many employees recalled Opening Day in a booklet published for the occasion. "Carroll Sheppard and I were lucky to be chosen as the Train Controllers on duty at the computer console to start up service," said Charles Brown, now a Senior Operations Supervisor. "I was 28 years old, excited and nervous. After two years of preparing for Opening Day, I was very proud of BART."

"I had the pleasure of dispatching the first revenue train from Hayward Yard," recalled Richard Osanna, then a Tower Supervisor and now a Senior Operations Foreworker. "The train was three cars in length, our operating limit then, and ran from Hayward to Fremont to MacArthur. I picked the best operator we had then, Victor Rivera, who is still on board with BART!"

Noted Victor, "I was the train attendant on the first scheduled train dispatch. In the cab with me was Col. William Benedict, then Dept. Manager of General Services. At Fremont station, we each purchased a ticket and entered the fare gates for dispatch to MacArthur. At Lake Merritt station, I ran my ticket through the fare gate first, and thus paid the first dollar collected by the District on Opening Day."

"It was a warm and sunny day," recalled Dominador Francisco, then a Senior Electrician and now an Electrician in Power and Way. "Large crowds had gathered as the nation's shiny new transit system was declared open by BART General Manager Billy Stokes. Gertrude Guild of Oakland was the first paying passenger. It was an exciting day!"

Edward Lem, whose daughter had just turned seven, was busy working on test systems for the electronic repair shop. "For all the anxiety preceding the big moment, as I recall it went pretty smoothly," said Ray Cole, then a Maintenance Dispatcher and now Department Manager of Safety. "There was a feeling of satisfaction and relief that we were starting to do what the system was designed to do," recalled Larry Drees, Train Control Electronics Technician.

At the end of the day, Daniel Yee recalls drinking champagne sent to the Hayward Shop by General Manager Stokes, while Kathryn Roth remembers raiding Stokes' bar and crashing the executives' party at Trader Vic's.

"There was excitement everywhere," said Priscilla Zocchi, then a phone information clerk and now a senior clerk in Rolling Stock and Shops. "Call me sentimental, but I've enjoyed every year here at BART."

High Kicks Join High Winds for BART's "Cinco de Mayo" Celebration

Several local school children got an El Nino surprise when swift winds disrupted BART's Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 5.

The outdoor program at BART's headquarters had to be brought indoors after a sudden and brisk wind tore down display tables and tumbled chairs set up for the program. Not to worry. BART employees were quick to bring the alarmed children inside to the LMA Lobby. As if on cue, the mariachi band lined up on the spiral staircase to continue the entertainment, and dancers from Xitetotec performed their Aztec routines as the rain fell outside.

"It was touch and go there for a few minutes," recalls Vicki Wills. Even the event's mascot chihuahuas Chica and Shorty got their tails in a spin, but quickly acclimated to the changed terrain. Gerald the Magician accommodated requests for a few well-twisted balloon animals and everything went back to normal.

Twisters aside, the program included remarks from BART General Manager Tom Margro and Board President James Fang. Visitors to BART's annual Cinco de Mayo celebration came from local elementary schools, senior centers, the Spanish Speaking Unity Council, the Mission Economic Cultural Association, Councilwoman Wilma Chan's office and several unions representing BART employees. Refreshments included a delectable array of Mexican pastry, cookies, tamales and punch.

Ay, carumba! Let's hope next year's Cinco de Mayo festivity only has to worry about crispy chips and not brittle weather. Ole!

Thanks to everyone who helped make Cinco de Mayo a lot of fun: Doug Bartlett, Faye Elmore, Berta Villalva, Linda Vasquez, Lynn Fischer, Veronica Diggs, Emily Ingram, June Garrett, Julie Renteria, Kristi Siharath, Charlie Alexander, Rich Gentry and Vicki Wills.

Pictured left to right: Berta Villalva, BART General Manager Tom Margro, BART Board President James Fang, and lets not forget the events mascot chihuahuas Chica and Shorty.

Chase Away El Nino by Bowling

A little downtrodden 'cuz you can't get outside to smell the roses? Don't despair. Fight the El Nino blues by joining the BART Bowling League.

Studies show that people are more happy, stable and productive by getting the flies out of their eyes at bowling alleys. Don't believe us? Just come to one of the BART Bowling League tournaments and find out for yourself. The handicap system keeps play fair and fun for all.

BART bowlers sprung into Spring at singles tournaments held at Pleasant Hill Lanes in March, Diablo Valley Lanes in April and at Pinole Valley Lanes in May. The "Luck 'o the Irish" was there for Dick Jann, who scored the Top Game (266) in March. Top Series went to David Freeman (646) and Beverly Ingram (556). Also along for the tourney were Elly Divino, Andy Williams, Bobby Anderson and Arthur Lewis.

Winning the Easter Basket in April were Top Game bowlers Leonard Fong (259) and Dona Fong (264), while Top Series went to William Person (672) and Glenda Lewis (688). Also bowling at Diablo Lanes were Johnnie Hicks, Andy Williams, Arthur Lewis, James Bonds, Beverly Ingram, Dick Jann and Suzanne Hicks.

"Happy Mothers Day" was the theme for the May tournament, which welcomed new bowlers Belinda Rougeau and Frank Shackelford. Mom was proud of Top Game winners Arthur Lewis (272) and Dona Fong (270), while the Top Series nod went to Leonard Fong (702) and Beverly Ingram (624). Bowling away El Nino were David Freeman, Belinda Rougeau, James Bonds, Frank Shackelford, Dick Jann, Glenda Lewis, Andy Williams and William Person.

June is "Dads 'n Grads" month, so come on out and celebrate at the next BART Bowling tournament on Saturday, June 27 at 3:00 p.m. at Grand Lanes, 22890 Grand Street, Hayward. The fee is $20 and includes three games and cash prizes. The bowling league is open to BART employees and their family members age 18 and over. For more information, call Andy Williams, ext. 5153, or Beverly Ingram, ext. 4133. See you at the bowling alley!

Rodeo *continued from front page*

BART General Manager Thomas Margro congratulated the team before the Board of Directors on June 11. "They prove our BART employees are the best of the best," Tom said. "They shined against very tough competition from the top teams from 14 other transit agencies in Northern California. We thank them, and their mentors, trainers and coaches, for a job well done."

BART train operators Mario Estevez and B.J. Vining also competed in San Diego, earning fifth place.

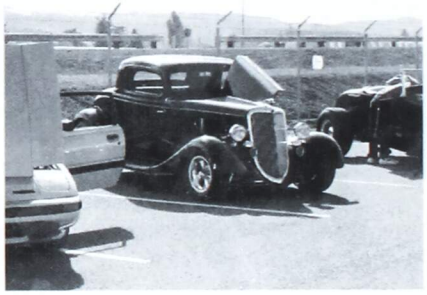
BART has competed in the APTA Rodeo with a Maintainers Team since 1993, coming in second that year; first in 1994; third in 1995; eighth in 1996; and first in 1997 and 1998. This was James Riddle's fifth International Rodeo competition and third first place win, the third time for Ted Christian and his second first place win; and the second competition for Dave Mohn, with two first place honors.

"We're proud of everyone who competed and placed at the international event," said Martha Taylor, C-Line Assistant Chief Transportation Manager. "We also thank everyone who participated at this year's BART Rodeo."

Dave, James and Ted had placed first in the BART Rodeo held May 9 at the Hayward Yard to earn the right to compete at the international Rodeo. Others results include second and third place to: Electronic Technicians Jobi Poulose and Michael J. Deasy; Mechanics Michael W. Nagle and Mark Stowers; and Kenneth W. Morgan and Scott Christian in the Overall Maintainer category. Cynthia Held placed first in the Station Agents competition, while second place went to Sum Woo.

About 500 BART employees and family members attended the gathering held at the Hayward Yard. The event offered a day of fun with musical entertainment, children's games, food, arts and crafts displays and information booths on benefits and health awareness. The BART Rodeo also served as the site for the third annual BART Car Show and the first BART Putting Contest.

Prizes in the car show were presented in six categories. Judges Jim Dunn, Joel Koford and Martha Halliwell looked for quality, uniqueness and appeal, awarding each winner with a plaque. Car show winners were: Hot Rod, '34 Ford by Gary and Caroline Wood; Custom, '67 Avanti by George and Nanette Ross; Truck, '52 Ford by Rick Lohman; Restored, '57 Thunderbird by Mike and Maryanne McLucas, and Motorcycle, three-wheel customized by Cindy Singer.



In the putting contest, a first place ping putter went to Shawn Irie, while second place winner Ed Musgrave received a dinner for two at the Montclair Restaurant. A driving range card went to third place winner Martha Halliwell.

Thanks to the BART Rodeo Committee, Ken Cook, Bob Miller, Martha Taylor, Rolf Sabye, Sadie Williams, J.R. Thomas, Brenda Blue, Steve Baldi, Nicole Brown, Ellie Door, and Vince Nabong.

Next year's APTA International Rodeo will be in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. b

NEW HIRES & PROMOTIONS

JOSEPH FERNEKES joined BART in March as Material Control Systems Supervisor in the Logistical Operations Division. He has supervisory responsibility to plan, implement and control the efficient flow and storage of materials and goods used by the District. Joe is also responsible for procedure development and training. His extensive experience in distribution center operations and warehousing includes serving as administrative services officer for Olympian Oil, handling the distribution of oil products. Joe also worked as a distribution center manager for Columbus Salami. He holds a bachelors degree in Sociology from San Francisco State University and a masters degree in Administration from the University of San Francisco.

RAE JAMES joined BART in January as Executive Manager, External Affairs. She comes to BART from Los Angeles' Metropolitan Transportation Authority, where she managed marketing, media and government relations, public affairs, internal communications and the Metro art program. She oversees similar areas for BART, including customer service and access planning. In Los Angeles, Rae was appointed Deputy Mayor to oversee transportation, planning, redevelopment housing, building and safety, along with LA Metro and the Housing Authority. She also held positions in the Office of Chief Legislative Analyst and the community Redevelopment Agency for the City of Los Angeles. Rae holds a bachelors degree in Industrial Psychology and Economics from the University of California, Berkeley, and a masters degree in Public Finance from California State University, Hayward.

HAROLD KEINER joined BART in May as Manager of Financial Audits, with responsibility for internal audit of contracts, financial and operational functions, as well as information technology. Hal is a CPA who comes to the District with over 20 years of internal audit experience. He was most recently Audit Manager for American President Lines in Oakland. He was also an Audit Supervisor with the Arabian Bechtel Companies in Saudi Arabia, an audit team leader with Bechtel Power in San Francisco and an Audit Supervisor with Square D Company in Illinois. Hal is originally from Chicago, and earned a bachelor of science degree in Accounting from Northern Illinois University.

TERESA MURPHY joined BART last December as Assistant General Manager, Administration. She comes to BART with over 23 years of public transit experience. She was most recently Director of Sun Metro in El Paso, Texas, where she was responsible for operating 232 revenue vehicles and managing over 580 employees. Among her accomplishments, Terry increased ridership for three consecutive years and was recognized by the State of Texas for converting the fleet to natural gas. She also served as the executive assistant to the Mayor of El Paso, and as the acting Director of Aviation for the El Paso International Airport. She also held management positions for the Greater Bridgeport Transit District (CT), the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority in Austin; the Metropolitan Transit Authority in Houston, and Queen City Metro in Cincinnati. Terry holds a bachelors degree in Urban Planning and Design from the University of Cincinnati. She was named Outstanding Woman of the Year by the YWCA in 1982, and received an UMTA Fellowship in 1978, which allowed her to study mass transit at Carnegie Mellon University and in Europe.

FRANK RUFFA joined BART in April as Manager of Computer Systems Engineering in the systems engineering group. He oversees control systems development and maintenance, including the central computer systems and projection display board system, along with SCADA engineering. He was most recently with Lockheed-Martin in Sunnyvale, where he managed the integration and test group that tested satellite ground stations. A resident of Fremont, Frank is originally from Brooklyn and grew up in southern Italy. He served in the Air Force and earned as associate degree in applied science and data processing, and a bachelors degree in Business Administration from the University of Northern Colorado. He holds a masters degree in Telecommunication Systems Management from National University.

Congratulations on your Retirement!

Saluted on the occasion of retiring from BART at a dinner held April 9 were (kneeling, left to right) Robert Cervarich, Harry McBride, Elich Nakamura, John Ortega, Haywood Williams, Miguel Librero, Robert Lewis, Jose Oriarte, Ando Yutaka and Jerrold Guthrie, along with (standing, left to right) Andre Gabany, Larry Williams, Brenford Coulter, Frank Linville, Ralph Weule, Joseph Brown, Farrel Schell, Harold Kinney, Rufus Alexander, Joseph Padilla, Robert Semple. Hugo Dalaison, Carl Heldt, Lorene Bennett, Darrol Bennett, Maurice Clapp and Billy Lane.

300 Girls & Teens Spend a Day at BART

Did you know there are 839 female employees at BART out of a total workforce of 3,217? How about the average daily payroll ($606,289)? These are two of several tough questions contestants had to answer to win "The BART is Right" game at BART's sixth annual "Take Our Daughters to Work" day held April 23. Nearly 300 girls and teens attended two, half-day sessions to "Imagine a Day" on the job and learn about careers at BART.

"This was the best group I've seen in my four years with the event," said event chairperson Michelle Cohen. "They were delightful, positive and attentive." In morning and afternoon sessions, the daughters heard remarks by Deputy General Manager Dorothy Dugger, Executive Manager of External Affairs Rae James and Chief Transportation Officer Paul Oversier and watched a new video presentation featuring BART women employees, narrated by Tamar Allen, RS&S, Richmond Shop Manager. They also watched a police dog demonstration; toured the Operations Control Center; and split up for self-esteem exercises and to interview BART women employees about their jobs. The event ended with the popular trivia game contest.

"The BART is Right" winners were Brittany Grandison, 11, daughter of Sabrina Taylor and Janet McCarty, 17, daughter of Joanie McCarty. The young ladies each won a pizza party and movie tickets for eight. Their answers were closest to guessing the cost of 250 file folders, a City Bee electric car, several law books, police supplies (handcuffs, a baton and a portable radio), and the average number of morning commuters on BART, in addition to the first two questions already noted. "Bob Barker" was played by Paul Oversier, while Howard Lewis took on the job of telling contestants to "come on down." Said Fannie Mackson, "They had a lot of fun and the kids had a lot of fun."

More than 50 women BART employees participated on the interview panel, where the daughters asked them questions about their careers. First-time participant Caroline Rogers of Human Resources said, "It was refreshing to see the excitement in the girls' eyes; many of the older ones had questions about educational requirements and shared their career goals with me." Elizabeth Suesue of Human Resources was another first-time panelist. "It was enjoyable," she said. "It was nice meeting the girls; they asked me everything from my favorite flavor of ice cream to the education needed for my job. It was a good experience for me and for them."

Self-esteem leaders included Mae Meidav, Anita Sanchez, Jo Olmes, Debra Faniel and Jolie Vega. The panel also included two, 16-year-old daughters of BART employees who brought a younger perspective to the group. Thanks to Sarah Sanchez and Allison Wells.

Thanks to the many BART employees who helped make the daughters event a success: Group Leaders Bill Pardue, Donny Woo and Howard Lewis; OCC Tour organizers Jennifer Gordon, Henry Miranda and Doug Hom; Dennis Larsen for the police dog demonstration; Shirley Melton for the station tour, and to the more than 50 employees who participated on the interview panel.

Thanks also to the event committee: Chris Koukis, Fannie Mackson, Ruby Woo, Priscilla Zocchi, Carol Tomasa, Michelle Cohen, Judy Reeves, Pat Patubo and Eric Thompson.

BART's daughters event is patterned after the national program created by the MS. Foundation to help young women develop self-esteem and learn what is required to succeed in the world of work. BART also holds a "Take Our Sons to Work" day, which is scheduled for July 29. b

Interview panels were divided into morning and afternoon groups. Pictured above are employees who participated in the morning panel. Left to right: Jacqueline Landry-Hall, Wanda McPherson, Susan Kimbell, Chris Brigham, Debra Johnson, Betty Soo-Hoo, Caroline Rogers, Barbara Rosenberg, Sharon Fagan, Ann Branston, Linda Vasquez, Brenda Marshall, Shirley Ng, Donna Johnson, Nancy Lowenthal, Melva Hunter, Ruth Jones and Vivian Faye. Not pictured: Angie Bonifacio, Ruby Woo, Michael Settles, Sharon Campbell-Moore, Barbara George, Martha Taylor and Sharon Burton.

Fourth Annual BART Golf Tourney A 'Hole In One

BART golfers and guests gathered around the tee on Sunday, April 26 under bright, sunny skies as BART's fourth annual golf tournament got off to a rousing start. Some 128 players lined up to drive the beveled ball down the fairways of the Boundary Oak Golf Course in Walnut Creek. The fun event included dinner, trophies, special awards and tee and raffle prizes. An additional 29 guests joined the winners for the awards dinner.

Tourney chairperson Victoria Palmer joined with Rolly Naish and Mike Healy to recruit sponsors and prizes. The crew once again gave golfers a chance to win the big prize if they hit a Hole in One on the sixth hole. And as with past tournaments, no one did. The grand prize would have been a Mediterranean cruise for two! Maybe next year will finally see a winner in the contest, which is hosted by the National Hole in One Association.

The tournament was a four-player scramble, which enabled players of all skill levels to play together. With 128 players divided into 32 teams, BART filled the golf course to its limit. Prizes were awarded to the top-scoring teams and in all the other contest categories, including Beat the General Manager, shortest and longest drive, closest to the hole and putting. The top five teams tied at 69 and there was a score card playoff to determine the winner. Top honors went to the team of Bob Grant, Judy Hirabayashi, John Donahue and James Rezendes. The average score per team was 72.25.

Thirteen employees "Beat the General Manager" at Hole 12 and earned badges to show off their talent. Four "Closest to the Hole" competitions for men and women drew 19 winners. Shortest Drive went to Sal Ramadas and Dave Kutrosky, while Vince Oriarte and Rebecca McCord took the longest drive prizes. Rebecca and Steve Williams won the putting contest, while Best Shot (par 3) went to Barbara George. A special award for "near miss" went to Matt Burrows.

The top six teams were honored during the awards banquet held at the Savoy Restaurant at Boundary Oak, which included a raffle and Golf quiz. Besides the first place team already mentioned, the banquet honored: **Second Place:** Mike Santos, Steve Anthontes, Mark Pfeiffer and David Dahl; **Third Place:** Ken Gonzales, Dorothy Dugger, Brad Love and Jim Grammer; **Fourth Place:** Willie Criner, Barbara George and Wade Gomes; **Fifth Place:** John Dougerty, Stu Dancer, Terri Hodges and Mohamed Azimi; and **Sixth Place:** Steve Lees, Jimmy Stuart, Steve Williams and David Paulk.

Prizes included Las Vegas and Silverado trips, a Hornblower cruise, golf for four at the Brentwood and Tilden golf courses, gift certificates, golf balls, golf clubs, golf shirts, and BART jackets, along with bracelets and a bowling ball. The big prizes – Las Vegas trip, a trip to Monterey's Sunbay golf course and a trip to the Silverado Country Club – went to Susan Osanna, Rich Osanna and Dave Adam, respectively. Another lucky winner was Mohamed Azimi, who won the Hornblower yacht cruise for four. Wade Gomes and John Howard each won six golf lessons at Boundary Oak.

Many thanks to the tournament committee of Vicky Palmer, Rolly Nash and Mike Healy, along with Dean Leonard, Matt Burrows, Thomas Lee, Rob Olivier and the volunteers who helped to make BART's Invitational Golf Tournament a resounding success: Pat Patubo, Larry Zeigler, Bill Richards, Eric Thompson, Nancy Harris, Willie Criner, Chuck Costa, Alice Wong, Dave Adam, Bill Farr, Jim Ginsbach, Riba Alexander, Brenda Hom, Caroline Powers, Phil Lum, Burt Oriarte, Perla Larera and Kathy Dancer.

The 5th Annual BART Open Golf Tournament will be a "shotgun" event in April 1999 at a site yet to be determined. Watch for news of the 1999 tourney in *BARTalk*.

MARK THE DATE

PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER 20

BART's Employee Picnic has been scheduled for Sunday, September 20th and will be held at Great America theme park in Santa Clara. The event is open to BART employees and their families, and will include a buffet BBQ luncheon. Ticket cost and the exact location inside the park for lunch are to be determined. More information will be included in the next issue of *BARTalk*.

Denis McNicoll Awarded For Video Excellence

Denis McNicoll of the Training and Development Department has received an award from the Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) for developing a quality training video presentation for TSI's rail accident investigation course. Denis took footage shot by others in Boston and Los Angeles and combined it with his own footage to create a comprehensive presentation on railroad track components. Entitled, "Track Nomenclature," the video helps professionals in the rail transit industry understand the names and functions of track components to determine the cause of rail accidents and prepare accurate reports.

The award recognizes Denis "for his support of the Rail Accident Investigation course of the Federal Transit Administration's safety and security training program at the Transportation Safety Institute." The video will be seen throughout the United States.

TSI is part of the federal Department of Transportation and provides courses in safety, security and accident investigation. TSI uses transit industry experts from around the country to teach classes. BART employees who serve on TSI's associate faculty include Ray Cole, Mike Flanigon, Clark Lynch, Henry Miranda and Kathy Roth.

Mike Flanigon of System Safety congratulates Denis McNicoll for his TSI award.

20 *Years with BART:* BART employees who recently achieved 20 years of service include (front row, kneeling, left to right): Ed Lozano, Frederico J. Valdivia and Derek Jackson, along with (back row, standing, left to right): Nelton Joe, Juanita Tuazan, Cruz Garcia, Donald Bussear, Janet Strange, David Dawson, Jane Berick, Al Verduzco, Daniel Dawkings, Hershell Levi, Linda Sweet, Pamela Kessinger, Larry A. Wiman, Sandra Lucia and Charles Jenkins.

15 *Years with BART:* BART employees who recently achieved 15 years with the District include (left to right): Lauro Jauregui, Evangelina L. Smith, Steven Langner, Gary W. Won, David Hood, Paulette Graves, Bruce Williams (with his wife), Norman H. Krause and Curtis Anderson.

In celebration of BART's 25 years of service to the Bay Area Community, we are looking for stories about BART employees. If you or someone you know has been involved in an adventure, heroic act, community or volunteer service, please let us know.

Your description should be written in 25 words or less. Be sure to include the name and telephone of the BART employee or employees involved. Please email your suggestion or use interoffice mail to: Gale Moses, Marketing Department, LMA-1. Phone: 464-6424, E-mail: gmoses

Need Extra Insurance?

Full-time BART employees or those who work part-time and are members of the Amalgamated Transit Union may apply for optional life and/or disability insurance, beginning August 1. The enrollment period runs through August 31. Applications are available at most work locations or from the Benefits Office located at IBB-5. Application forms must be received at the Benefits Office by 5 p.m. on August 31.

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